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**Wednesday at 6:00 pm**  
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**HELLO FROM YOUR  
NEW LEAD PASTOR**

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is with great joy and a deep sense of calling that I write to you as your new pastor. My first day in the office will be Monday, March 17th and my first Sunday will be March 23rd.

This congregation holds a special place in my heart as my home congregation in a community that I love. I also trust that as your called pastor, along with Pastor Drew, God has brought us all together for God's purpose. I am eager to get to know you in new ways, to hear your stories, and discover how God has been at work among you.

Throughout scripture we are reminded of the unique and vital role each of us plays as children of God. We are reminded in 1 Corinthians 12 that we are all members of the body of Christ. We are not isolated individuals but interconnected members with a purpose given by God. Together, we are called to reflect God's love, grace, and power in ways that we could never do on our own. What a privilege it will be to navigate what that looks like as the community of Our Savior's in our world.

Allow me to share a little bit about the family. My husband Mitch and I have been married for 20 years. Together, we are navigating the joys and challenges of parenthood as we cheer on our three children; Claire (16), Owen (14) and Grace (11). In our free time we enjoy endless hours of watching our kids play their sports, traveling to new places, and spending time with friends.

As we embark on this journey together, I pray that we will embrace the fullness of what it means to be the body of Christ. May we lift one another up in prayer, encourage one another in faith, and work side by side to share the good news of Jesus with our community and beyond.

In Christ,  
Pastor Kira

**FAREWELL FROM YOUR INTERIM PASTOR**

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Thank you for the heart-warming and touching farewell. Your kindness and generosity were overwhelming. It almost made me rethink my decision to retire – almost. I will cherish the memories of my time with your “littles” whenever I wear the autographed white socks. The black socks with the OSLC logo are stunning and will certainly stir jealousy. The Faribault Woolen Mills scarf is gorgeous and is perfect for replacing my current, well-worn scarf. The signed white boards will occupy a conspicuous place in my heart and home. Pastor Drew' kind and heartfelt remarks were as humbling as they were treasured. Thank you again. God's blessings as you walk with your new lead pastor into the future.

In Christ's Name,  
Pastor Scott Olson

# ***For you too were once strangers***

*Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God. Leviticus 19:34, CEB*

As a kid, I didn't have a large extended family. My dad had one brother, and my mom had two brothers and an adopted sister. We didn't live near them, and we mostly saw each other on holidays and the occasional family get-together. These gatherings often included some other people who added life and energy to an otherwise small family; there were Kiet and Camdi from Vietnam and their children, there was Mohammed and his boys from Somalia, and there was Warke and her daughters from Liberia. These were people we considered (and still do) to be part of our extended family. My maternal grandparents, John and Eleanor Yackel sponsored these people as part of a refugee resettlement program with the support of their congregation, Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Circle Pines, MN.

While I admire my grandparents for opening their home and their hearts to people who had fled their countries in times of war, I know now that they are not unique. Christians, and especially Lutherans, in this country have always done the holy work of welcoming immigrants and refugees. The Lutheran church in the U.S. is an immigrant church, started by people from places like Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Germany, who came here seeking a better life. It is part of our DNA as Lutherans to welcome people from other parts of the world, because as God commands Israel in Lev. 19:34, you must love immigrants as yourself, because you too were once a stranger in a foreign land. This is why we have built and supported organizations like Lutheran Immigration and Refugee services (now Global Refuge) and Lutheran Social Services, who have, for many decades, worked to place and support refugees in communities across the country.

Contrary to what some have claimed (with zero evidence), LSS is not a criminal organization, and they are not a money laundering operation. The "Realigning the United States Refugee Admissions Program" executive order from Jan. 20, 2025, abruptly suspended the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP). Soon after, on Jan. 24, the State Department issued a notice responding to the "Executive Order on Review of Foreign Assistance" which included a stop-work order for existing grants and contracts that were awarded to organizations supporting refugees. The Jan. 24 humanitarian aid pause and stop-work orders have cut off thousands of refugees who have recently arrived, despite their legal eligibility for services. The executive order and notice have had an immediate impact on refugees and the network of organizations prepared to welcome them. Flights have been cancelled and overseas case processing has ground to a halt. Faith-based organizations like LSS and Global Refuge have been instructed to cease providing recently arrived refugees with basic support in housing, food, clothing, furnishings, employment and educational attainment, and other necessities crucial for their integration and economic self-sufficiency.

As people of faith, we are obligated to care for neighbors and strangers alike – to welcome and provide for those in need. I encourage you to join me in raising your voice to our elected representatives in support of restored funding of organizations doing this crucial work. Remember that our ancestors were once immigrants in this land. Remember that we have all been strangers in some way or another in our lifetimes. Remember that Christ is always working to expand the family of God and widen the circle of inclusion.

In Christ,  
Pr. Drew

*Faith grows here*

# JOIN OUR TEAM

We are accepting applications for these open positions:

## Facilities Coordinator

We are accepting applicants for the part-time position of Facilities Coordinator. This position performs routine cleaning, set-up and tear down for various activities and events, and ensures a safe and presentable environment. This position is responsible for the upkeep and basic maintenance of the church facilities and grounds, coordinating with contractors on further repairs, maintenance, and projects.

### Qualifications include:

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- 1-2 years' experience or education in cleaning, building maintenance, or facility repairs. Prefer experience with basic plumbing, electrical, and HVAC systems.
- Basic computer skills including email.
- Ability to push, pull, lift, carry up to 50 lbs. occasionally, and 30 lbs. frequently.

This is a part-time position, working 25-28 hours per week. Schedule is typically Monday-Friday with occasional nights and weekends. Starting pay range is \$17-\$19/hour, based on experience. This position is eligible for the following benefits: vacation, sick time, and holiday pay.

Email or drop off an application, or a cover letter and resume. To request an application or the detailed job description, email: [churchcouncil@oursaviorsfbo.org](mailto:churchcouncil@oursaviorsfbo.org).

## Business Administrator

We are accepting applicants for the part-time position of Business Administrator. This is an integral role to the overall operations of the church.

This position manages the business operations of the church, implementing and overseeing financial, human resources, and general operations to achieve our mission objectives. This role partners with our Pastors, staff, council, and committees, on budgeting, contracting and service needs, and analysis and reporting.

### We are seeking:

- Intermediate experience in Microsoft Word, Excel, and email.
- Demonstrated experience in financial management, budget oversight, and reporting.
- Prefer working knowledge of human resources policies, laws and benefits.
- Analytical, problem-solving, and decision-making skills.
- Availability to attend meetings outside of regular working hours, as needed.

This is a part-time position, working 25 hours per week. Some flexibility in selecting hours and days scheduled. This position is eligible for the following benefits: vacation, sick leave, and holiday pay.

To apply, submit a cover letter and resume via email. Inquires and requests for a job description can also be directed to: [churchcouncil@oursaviorsfbo.org](mailto:churchcouncil@oursaviorsfbo.org)

# COUNCIL CORNER

What a wonderful month we've had! We held our Annual Meeting, held our Special Meeting to call Pastor Kira Anderson as lead pastor, and added two more individuals to our church council. There's still more to do but let's not rush past these points to celebrate! Also,

- At our last council meeting we went over Pastor Olson's final report to us.
- We celebrated with Grace as she shared so many exciting things going on with our youth.
- Council will be having a Synod wide retreat next month held in Owatonna at Trinity Lutheran Church.
- Ashley Andersen will no longer be on council as she has taken on our new Kathleen Putrah endowment - Children's Ministry Director position!
- We talked about technology needs, cyber security, and system management that will be reviewed in the upcoming months.

To wrap up on a very high note, Bishop Hassanally will be installing Pastor Kira on April 13th, Palm Sunday. We hope all of you can be there to celebrate together as a church family!

Thank you,  
Micah Lynn  
Council President



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2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL BUTCH HANSON

*Cribbage, Coffee  
and Cookies*

Some cribbage boards and playing cards provided.  
Feel free to bring your own. No experience needed.

**Sunday, March 16th**

**Fellowship Hall | 10:45 am - 12 pm**

All are welcome to join in the fun.

# Financial Update

Fast Figures				
2025 Financials				
Finalized through January 2025				
	Actual	Ministry Spending	Difference	
January Receipts	\$ 53,083.20	\$ 49,000.00	\$	4,083.20
January Expenses	\$ (44,944.30)	\$ (58,226.50)	\$	13,282.20
Receipts Over Expenses	\$ 8,138.90	\$ (9,226.50)	\$	17,365.40
			\$	-
YTD Receipts	\$ 53,083.20	\$ 49,000.00	\$	4,083.20
YTD Expenses	\$ (44,944.30)	\$ (58,226.50)	\$	13,282.20
Receipts Over Expenses	\$ 8,138.90	\$ (9,226.50)	\$	17,365.40

Balance Sheet Recap				
	Actual	Beginning Balance as	Change	
Total cash on hand as of 01-31-2025	\$ 257,039.50	\$ 260,471.12	\$	(3,431.62)
Total cash Designated for specific purposes (restricted accounts)	\$ 171,331.21	\$ 182,901.73	\$	(11,570.52)
Leaving a cash balance for General Operating expenses of	\$ 85,708.29	\$ 77,569.39	\$	8,138.90

*January is finalized.*  
*Giving compared to plan is up +8.33% or \$4,083*  
*Expenses are down compared to plan <-22.81%> or <-\$13,282>*

*Year to Date:*  
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Total Cash in General Operating Account is \$85,708, this is the cash we have access to for any reason/need. Goal is to have two months in reserve.

We received the quarterly endowment deposit of \$11,137 in January.

Thank you for your support of the Ministry here at Our Saviors!

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# UPCOMING EVENTS AT OSLC



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All are welcome

Lent 2025  
*Living the Kingdom:*  
*Seeing our neighbors through God's eyes*

Wednesday & Sunday  
**WEEKLY WORSHIP**  
Wednesday @ 6PM  
Sunday @ 9:30AM

March 5  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
@ 11AM  
@ 6PM

*Holy Week:*

April 13  
**PALM SUNDAY**  
@ 9:30AM

April 17  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
@ 6PM

April 18  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
@ 6PM

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# Lamplighters

Adult Christians Lighting the Way

for our March Meeting  
in the Fellowship Hall

## March 4, 2025 at 1 PM

# UPCOMING EVENTS AT OSLC



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## Lenten Food Challenge

with our friends at First English and Christ Lutheran

### Ash Wednesday - Palm Sunday

March 5 - April 13, 2025

The friendly food collection challenge with First English Lutheran and Christ Lutheran will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. The final day for donations is Palm Sunday, April 13th. You are invited to bring a food item (or several) each time you come to the church. Cash donations are also welcome. **Please bring donations to the Front Office or leave them in the carts in the Narthex.** This drive benefits the Community Action Center right here in Faribault. Thank you for your generosity!



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## PIE WARS

# THE PIE STRIKES BACK

EPISODE MMXXV

**TEAM REDDI WIP**  
Pastor Drew, Grace

**VS.**

**TEAM COOL WHIP**  
Pastor Kira, Ashley

It is a dark time in the Sanctuary of Our Saviors. As tension grows between forces trying to settle the debate of which whipped topping will bring balance to our desserts. YOU have the power to decide who will reign supreme once and for all! Will you side with The Reddi rebels of Team Reddi Wip or the Cool troops of Team Cool Whip? *Choose wisely, and donate generously.*

Donate to the team you want to see get pied the most! Look for each team's offering jar during worship. All proceeds collected through the noisy offering will go to support the food shelf at the Community Action Center.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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# Join Us

## Ash Wednesday G.I.F.F.T Event

### **MARCH 5, 2025**

### **The Chapel | 6:45 PM**

You are invited to join us on Ash Wednesday, March 5, after worship service in the chapel for a special activity to remind us of the meaning of Lent. Please attend as a family.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



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CURRENT 6th-8th Graders

# Confirmation Camp 2025

## **JUNE 15-20, 2025**

Time to register for camp! Please use the QR code to register with church. A \$50 deposit is due at registration. Please reach out to Grace with any questions!





# MEET OUR Director of Children's Ministry

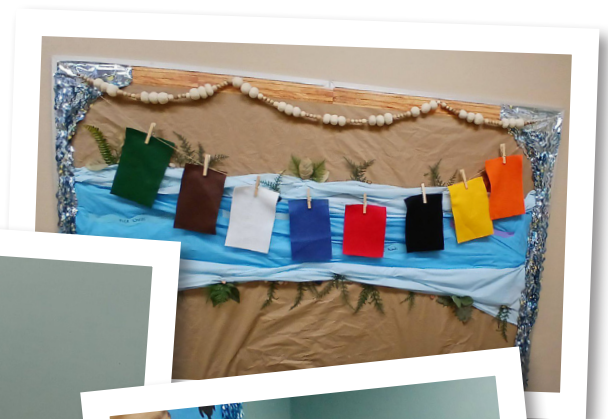
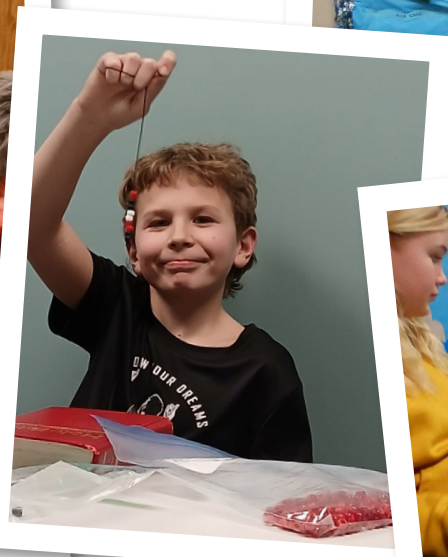
My name is Ashley Taylor and I have been a member of Our Saviors for over 21 years. I have three children ages 23, 21, and 17. I worked in the field of social services for many years before becoming a substitute teacher for the Faribault school district in 2017. Although I have loved my time with the school district, I feel called to this new position as Director of Children's Ministry and am enthusiastically looking forward to sharing God's word with the children of Our Saviors and getting to build relationships with the young families in our congregation.



*The Director of Children's Ministry position is being supported and named in honor of Kathleen G. Putrah through a generous bequest from her family. A celebration of this donation is being planned.*

## Praying with Colors

Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders made prayer bracelets with colored beads representing different things we can pray for. For example; green reminds us to pray for God's creation like plants and animals. White - those who need healing, yellow friends and family, etc. Our younger students made a prayer banner using the same colors. Then they did a science experiment using milk, food coloring, and dish soap to visualize what spreading the word of God can look like.





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# High School Youth Group

**WEDNESDAYS | 8-9 PM**  
**OSLC YOUTH ROOM**

Youth in grades 9 -12 are invited to spend your Wednesday night having fun, building community, and learning about God with us.



# UPCOMING EVENTS AT OSLC



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Family, Faith and Life Night:

## Tie Blankets

Wednesday,  
March 12

6:30-7:30 pm | Fellowship Room

Confirmation families are invited to make tie blankets again this year! This time they will go to different organizations in our surrounding communities who are in need.



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## High School Summer Mission Trip

June 10-16, 2025  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

First English & Our Savior's high school students are invited on a unique summer service trip to North Carolina! Please contact Grace or Pastor Carrie for information.



# SERMON TEXT & VOLUNTEERS

## March

### *Transfiguration*

Wednesday, February 26 &  
Sunday, March 2  
Luke 9:28-45

### *Jesus Turns to Jerusalem*

Wednesday, March 5  
Ash Wednesday  
Luke 9:51-62

### *Good Samaritan*

Sunday, March 9  
Luke 10:25-42

### *Lament over Jerusalem*

Wednesday, March 12 &  
Sunday, March 16  
Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

### *Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son*

Wednesday, March 19 &  
Sunday, March 23  
Luke 15:1-32

### *Rich Man and Lazarus*

Sunday, March 30  
Luke 16:19-31

## MARCH USHERS

HERB HICKEY ©  
EVON ASK  
DEAN MANZ  
JOYCE ELSÉN

HARRY & SHARON DELL  
MARK HELGESON  
BRUCE & JAN BOUDREAU

## COMMUNION

	MARCH 2	MARCH 16
PREP	Mary Osborne	Ruth Olson
SERVERS	Stew & Cindy Schuenke	Fred & Barb Grote
	Allen & Pam Salveson	Evon Ask
	Paula Schauer	Krista Cox
	Ardys Johnson	Amy Stadler
		<b>1 Volunteer Needed</b>

## SCRIPTURE READERS

MARCH 2	Evon Ask
MARCH 9	Mary Zentner
MARCH 16	Jordyn Finstuen
MARCH 23	Linda Mueller
MARCH 30	Peggy Paulson

## SOUND & TECH TEAM

**MARCH 2**  
Sound: Grace Harrison    Media Shout & Lights: William Silver  
Livestream: Brendan Cox

**MARCH 9**  
Sound: Amy Cox    Media Shout & Lights: Tim Cox  
Livestream: Brendan Cox

**MARCH 16**  
Sound: Jordyn Finstuen    Media Shout & Lights: Jarid Finstuen  
Livestream: Brendan Cox

**MARCH 23**  
Sound: Grace Harrison    Media Shout & Lights: William Silver  
Livestream: Brendan Cox

**MARCH 30**  
Sound: Linda Hanegraff    Media Shout & Lights: Owen Harrison  
Livestream: Brendan Cox

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# OSLC FAMILY FUN AND FELLOWSHIP *at the Faribault Ice Arena!*

Family fun and fellowship at the Faribault Ice Arena was a huge success! Thank you to everyone that braved the snow to join us



# Baptism



## Blessings on your Baptism

Declan Dolan

son of Amanda Melchert & Mic Dolan

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## Pub Theology



**Thursday, March 20**

**7 p.m. | Joe's Sports Cafe**

Join us for conversation on issues relating to faith and life!

Come have something to drink,  
and stay for a good conversation!

**Everyone over 21 is WELCOME!**

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 Confirmation Mini Service Trip (Feb. 28-March 2)
2 9:30 am Sunday Worship Service / Communion	3 6:30 pm Grief Support "Stronger Together" 5:30 pm Property Committee Meeting (Noah's Ark Rm)	4 9:30 am Staff Meeting 9:30 am Grief Support "Help for Newly Bereaved" 1:00 pm Lamplighters 6:00 – 8:00 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (Fireside Rm) 6:30 pm Free Spirit Reh.	5 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 11:00 am Ash Wednesday Service/ Communion 5:00 – 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service / Communion 6:45 pm Ash Wednesday G.I.F.F.T. Event 8:00 pm High School Youth Group	6 8:30 am Henry's Handy Helpers 9:00 am Dynamic Dusters	7 9:30 am Friday Morning Women's Bible Study	8 9:00 am – 12:30 pm Baby Shower (Fellowship Hall)
9 <b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b> 9:30 am Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am Gather Table Meeting	10 6:30 pm Grief Support "Stronger Together"	11 9:30 am Staff Meeting 9:30 am Newly Bereaved Grief Group Support 5:30 pm Executive Council 6:30 pm Church Council 6:30 pm Free Spirit Reh.	12 <b>Lent</b> 5:00 – 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:00 pm Lenten Worship Service / Communion 6:30 pm Church School, (Pre3-5 <sup>th</sup> Gr.) 6:30 pm Family, Faith & Life, Confirmation (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr.) w/parents 8:00 pm High School Youth Group	13 8:30 am Henry's Handy Helpers 8:30 am Dynamic Dusters 9:00 am Quilters 9:30 am Cannon River Conference	14 9:30 am Friday Morning Women's Bible Study	15
16 9:30 am Sunday Worship Service / Communion 9:30 am Temple Talk, Council Update 9:30 am Baptism Harper Sullivan Berge 10:45 am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Butch Hanson Coffee, Cookies & Cribbage	17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 8:30 am FARE Meeting 6:30 pm Grief Support "Stronger Together" 	18 9:30 am Staff Meeting 9:30 am Grief Support "Help for Newly Bereaved" 11:30 am FACMA Meeting	19 <b>Lent</b> 5:00 – 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:00 pm Lenten Worship Service 6:30 pm Church School, (Pre3-5 <sup>th</sup> Gr.) & Confirmation (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr.) 8:00 pm High School Youth Group	20 8:30 am Henry's Handy Helpers 9:00 am Faith Circle 10:30 am Dynamic Dusters 7:00 pm Pub Theology (Joes Sports Café)	21 9:30 am Friday Morning Women's Bible Study	22
23 9:30 am Sunday Worship Service	24 6:30 pm Grief Support "Stronger Together"  31 6:30 pm Grief Support "Stronger Together"	25 9:30 am Staff Meeting 9:30 am Grief Support "Help for Newly Bereaved" 1:00 pm Mill City Service	26 <b>Spring Break</b> <b>No Wednesday Night Activities</b> 7:00 – 9:00 am Ruth's House Meeting (Noah's Ark Room)	27 8:30 am Henry's Handy Helpers 9:00 am Dynamic Dusters 9:00 am Quilters	28 9:30 am Friday Morning Women's Bible Study (DVD)	
30 9:30 am Sunday Worship Service						



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